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Re: Application of Neogi et al.  
"Methods for esterifying hydroxyl groups in wood"  
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AMENDMENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A.N. Neogi et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE120773/25194  
Application No.: 10/602,208 Art Unit: 1773 / Confirmation No: 2234  
Filed: June 23, 2003 Examiner: L.B. Kiliman  
Title: METHODS FOR ESTERIFYING HYDROXYL GROUPS IN WOOD

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as set forth in the following pages.

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